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SUBJECT: COMOROS: FRANCE TO ASSIST TANZANIA, NOT SENEGAL;
WILL NOT SEEK UNSCR

REF: A. STATE 19510

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Classified By: Acting DCM Josiah Rosenblatt, 1.4 (b/d).

[1](#)1. (C) In response to ref A demarche, Beatrice Lederle (acting MFA Comoros desk officer) said on February 27 that France would provide transportation and logistical support to Tanzanian troops slated to participate in military operations against Colonel Bacar in Anjouan. She said that France would help transport Tanzanian troops and equipment from Tanzania to the Comoros, but not to Anjouan and into combat. Lederle said it did not appear that Senegal was going to participate militarily against Bacar, so France expected to assist only Tanzania. Lederle said that France was not seeking a UN Security Resolution, which would "take too long." She said that the AU's February 10 declaration on the situation in Anjouan served as sufficient legal basis for France's offering its services to AU member states willing to participate in the mission. NOTE: Lederle's MFA colleague, Comoros desk officer Jacques Biau, indicated on February 21 (ref B) that France would seek UNSC authorization for the operation, but Lederle was quite clear on February 27 in stating that France did not require one. END NOTE.

[1](#)2. (U) Minimize considered.

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